

ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
AND OF THE
Receipts and Expenditures,
OF THE
TOWN OF PALMER,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1865.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

THE School Committee of Palmer respectfully submit the following Report of the Schools of the town for the past year.

It is of frequent occurrence, that we hear an expression from parents, "We want good schools." Some of the causes that exist, why we have no better schools, may be attributed to the parents. One class are content to leave their schools in a very indifferent condition—as much so as possible and answer the letter of the law—with a special regard to economy ; while another and more unreasonable class, do not prize the privileges they enjoy. Absence and tardiness marked upon the register, show that much of the money raised for schooling is lost ; and not only lost, by the non-attendant, but is also a great detriment to those that are constant in attendance. Sickness is a reasonable excuse for absence, and cannot be avoided ; but tardiness cannot be thus excused. The attention of teachers has been called to these evils, and in many cases they have been unable to check them. We are satisfied that the greater responsibility rests upon the parents ; we therefore inquire whether you have sent your children to school in season, and regularly, and taken pains to know that they have obeyed your commands in this

respect? If not, are you not guilty of a great wrong to your own children and to your school?

The sum of money appropriated, for several years past, has furnished a liberal amount of schooling, and afforded as good wages for teachers, as any town in the State, of like valuation.

The increased price of board and fuel, has shortened the terms of some of the schools this year. We trust we shall realize the importance of appropriating a sufficient amount of money for the ensuing year, that all may have the benefit of at least two terms, of twelve weeks each.

It will be noticed by the appropriations of money, that some of the locations, of former districts, have not the usual share of money, for the reason that they have not the scholars. An attempt was made, a few years since, to re-district the town, but the citizens appear to do the work better in their own way. Nos. 10 and 13 have united, to great advantage to themselves; 7 and 8 are so nearly depopulated, that they will find it for their interest to send to other districts, rather than to build new school-houses, which they will be obliged to do immediately, if they remain as they are.

There has been much interest on the part of many, heretofore, in examining the reports appertaining to the different teachers. We have thought proper to deviate, in this particular, from the former practice of giving praise to some, and censure to others, lest injustice should be done. Some teachers in this town, after an unfavorable report, have proved very successful; while others, who have received great

commendations in one district, have made a complete failure in another. And here we would reiterate the appeal made in former reports, that where districts have obtained the services of good teachers, *they should be retained if possible.*

Much credit is due the Prudential Committees of the several districts, this year, for their careful selection of teachers, and the Committee have no failures to report. And here we would say, that great care should be exercised in the selection of a proper Prudential Committee, securing only those who will faithfully discharge their duty, without fear or favor.

In conclusion, the Committee are happy to report the Schools as generally successful; their government, in most cases, has been good. The examinations have been such as are creditable to both teacher and scholar, and pleasing to the parents and friends who have attended them.

Respectfully submitted.

DWIGHT M. STEBBINS,	}	Committee.
E. B. GATES,		
WM. HOLBROOK,		

STATISTICS OF THE SCHOOLS.

NO. 1.—SUMMER TERM.

No.	District.	Teachers.	Wages	Term in Mos.	Whole No. Scho.	Av.No.
1	Old Center,	Helen King.	\$12	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	22 $\frac{3}{5}$
2	Three Rivers Primary,	Julia E. Randall.	20	3	29	22
	Graded,	Mary A. Seaver.	24	3	34	25
3	Depot Primary,	Eliza J. Tupper.	22	3	70	59
	Intermediate,	Jennie E. Hastings.	22	3	55	49
	Graded,	Laura Nelson.	24	3	34	25
	Blanchardville,	L. E. Howe.	22	3	26	22
4	Mason,	A. V. Hitchcock.	20	3	25	22 $\frac{2}{5}$
5	Foster,	Ella Burgess.	16	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	17	15
6	Burleigh,	Sarah Sedgwick.	24	3	22	17
9	Gamwell,	Fannie P. Taft.	16	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
10	Duckville Primary,	Lizzie Peters.	26	3	73	59
	Graded,	Lucy A. Hastings.	24	3	44	32
11	Hastings,	Laura A. Hastings.	16	3	19	17
12	Thorndike Primary,	Emma Breard.	24	3	44	36
	Intermediate,	Annie S. Smith.	24	3	28	20 $\frac{23}{30}$

NO. 2.—FALL TERM.

1	Old Center,	Helen King.	12	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	26	20 $\frac{16}{25}$
3	Depot Primary,	Eliza J. Tupper.	27	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	65	55
	Intermediate,	Jennie E. Hastings.	22	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	46	40
	Graded,	Laura Nelson.	30	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	32	28
10	Duckville Primary,	Lizzie Peters.	24	2	64	54 $\frac{3}{3}$
	Graded,	Lucy A. Hastings.	24	2	39	33 $\frac{1}{10}$
12	Thorndike Primary,	Emma Breard.	24	2	48	33 $\frac{1}{10}$
	Intermediate,	Annie S. Smith.	26	2	21	16 $\frac{1}{5}$
	Graded,	Thomas Lecky.	50	1 $\frac{3}{4}$	22	19 $\frac{1}{2}$

NO. 3.—WINTER TERM.

No.	Di-strict.	Teachers.	Wages.	Term In Mos.	Whole No. Schol.	Av.No.
1	Old Center,	Helen King.	16	3	25	16 $\frac{1}{2}$
2	Three Rivers Primary,	Mary A. Seaver.	27	3	42	34 $\frac{3}{10}$
	Graded,	F. N. Bardwell.	45	3	38	32 $\frac{3}{10}$
3	Depot Primary,	Eliza J. Tupper.	28	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	59	53
	Intermediate,	Jennie E. Hastings.	25	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	45	40
	Graded,	Laura Nelson.	35	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	41	35
	Blanchardville,	L. E. Howe.	24	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	25	21
4	Mason,	Isabella C. Esten.	20	4	26	21 $\frac{7}{13}$
5	Foster,	Ella Burgess.	18	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	27	24 $\frac{3}{4}$
6	Burleigh,	Lucy A. Hastings.	24	3	22	17
7	Shaw,	Jennie Lamberton.	20	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
9	Gamwell,	Fannie P. Taft.	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{4}$	11	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
10	Duckville Primary,	Lizzie Peters.	24	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	70	60
	Graded,	Eleazer Owen.	45	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	46	37 $\frac{1}{2}$
11	Hastings,	Laura Hastings.	18	3	9	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
12	Thorndike Primary,	Emma Breard.	24	3	51	41
	Graded,	Thomas Lecky.	50	3	33	26 $\frac{1}{3}$

**NO. OF SCHOLARS AND DIVISION OF SCHOOL MONEY,
FOR 1864-5.**

School District.	No. of Scholars.	Divided by Assessors, \$2000.	State School Fund \$170.89; Merrick Fund \$49.50.	For Graded Schools, \$400.	By Committee for Poor Districts, \$300.	Total.
No. 1	30	\$86 58	\$20 04		\$23 38	\$130 00
No. 2	84	242 42	20 04	\$100 00		362 46
No. 3	199	574 31	20 04	100 00	60 09	754 44
No. 4	40	115 44	20 03			135 47
No. 5	16	46 17	20 04		75 44	141 65
No. 6	31	89 42	20 03		20 50	129 95
No. 7	6	17 32			20 00	37 32
No. 8	8	23 10	20 03			43 13
No. 9	12	34 63	20 03		48 34	103 00
No. 10	125	360 75	20 04	100 00		480 79
No. 11	20	57 72	20 03		52 25	130 00
No. 12	122	352 09	20 04	100 00		472 13
Total,	693	\$2000 00	\$220 39	\$400 00	\$300 00	\$2920 34

Average per scholar, \$4.21.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

THE Treasurer of the Town of Palmer reports the following Receipts and Expenditures of the town, up to March 1, 1865. The Selectmen have examined the vouchers, and find the account correct.

REPORT OF J. H. BLAIR, Treasurer.

Received of D. Granger,	\$1,760.19
“ Wm. Childs' estate,	1,500.00
“ Susan E. Rogers,	1,000.00
“ Mary H. Cannon,	1,200.00
“ Robert McMaster,	3,000.00
“ E. Brown,	1 000.00
“ Enos Calkins,	1,500.00
“ Henry McMaster,	500.00
“ A. N. Dewey,	1,509.42
“ N. Flynt, school money,	20.00
“ A. R. Murdock, auctioneer,	.90
“ J. H. Keith, note and interest,	456.00
“ O. P. Allen, town agent,	26.67
“ Mrs. Holbrook,	200.00
“ E. B. Gates,	200.00
“ F. J. Wassum, license,	2.00
“ State aid from Leominster,	24.00
“ J. M. Redding, license,	10.00
“ Lucy Tiffany,	300.00
“ Franklin Morgan,	3,500.00
“ School fund,	170.89
“ D. B. Bishop, for taxes,	15,309.71
“ Elias Turner, borrowed,	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$34,189.78
Amount paid by Treasurer,	26,620.27
Balance in the treasury, Sept. 16, 1864,	7,569.51
	<hr/> \$34,189.78

L. DIMOCK, Treasurer *pro tem.*

Received of J. H. Blair, Sept. 16, 1864,	\$7,569.51
“ State treasurer, services for recruiting, 1863,	346.10
“ D. B. Bishop, collector,	2,487.08
“ E. B. Gates, produce sold from town farm,	87.69
“ State treasurer, for State aid,	3,707.07
“ State treasurer, corporation tax,	746.04
“ R. S. Hastings, collector, 1863,	95.00
“ O. P. Allen, liquor agent,	27.42
“ Abel Webber, circus,	15.00
“ Abel Webber, wood sold, and overdrawn money,	13.62
“ P. W. Webster, circus,	15.00
“ L. Dimock, stove,	17.00
“ Merrick fund,	89.00
“ D. B. Bishop, paid on taxes,	101.62
“ Cyrus Knox, on school books,	71.50
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J. H. Blair received and paid,	15,388.65
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Amount of receipts,	26,620.27
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	\$42,008.92

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

SCHOOLS.

Balance due districts, March, 1864,	\$458.61
Amount appropriated by the town,	2,700.00
Amount of State and Town school funds,	269.89
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	\$3,428.50

	Paid out.		Amount due.
District No. 1,	\$75.00	Outstanding bill,	\$131.68
" No. 2,	394.83		422.29
" No. 3,	732.94	Outstanding bill,	808.55
" No. 4,	130.50		140.12
" No. 5,	51.65	\$86.50 outstanding,	141.65
" No. 6,	123.87		181.79
" No. 7,	50.00		50.00
" No. 9,	40.00	Outstanding bill,	103.00
" No. 10,	489.30		480.79
" No. 11,	50.06	\$64.84 outstanding,	130.00
" No. 12,	627.69		745.49
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	\$2,765.84		\$3,335.36

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid outstanding orders, March 1, 1864,	\$4,188.49
P. Webster, Calkins case,	8.55
W. Lamb, labor on bridge,	13.25
C. W. Hastings, services as assessor,	69.00
A. V. Blanchard, repairing hearse,	2.00
G. M. Fisk & Co., printing reports,	66.50
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Amount carried forward,	\$4,347.79

Amount brought forward.	\$4,347.79
— Paid J. K. Knox, services as assessor,	50.00
E. B. Gates, labor on Brimfield bridge,	10.00
J. H. Blair, for telegrams,	5.00
Hamilton & Blood, damage on road,	95.00
Blair, Webster, Randall, Newton and Loomis, ex- penses in recruiting,	152.60
Geo. W. Randall, services in recruiting,	45.00
Geo. W. Randall, Northampton, recruiting,	9.50
Calvin Torrey, for recruits,	50.00
J. H. Blair, services in recruiting,	40.00
J. H. Blair, services to pay bank note,	5.00
J. H. Blair, services in recruiting,	8.90
J. S. Loomis, expenses to Boston and Springfield,	20.00
John Clough, enrolling militia,	22.65
— John Clough, services as assessor,	64.00
American telegraph company,	9.67
M. W. French, State aid bill	40.85
J. B. R. Pettee, school books for town,	65.00
E. B. Gates, paid in Calkins case,	4.50
D. M. Stebbins, services school committee,	32.00
Dr. Cutter, examining men for enrollment list,	40.00
For alien papers, certificate stamps,	27.10
Abel Webber, paid in Calkins case,	42.74
P. Webster, “ “ “	65.05
G. W. Randall, posting warrants, 1863,	3.00
Abel Webber, paid in Calkins case,	20.00
Abel Webber, expenses to Boston,	8.00
— J. H. Knox, services as assessor, 1863,	20.50
Westborough reform school,	6.50
Hiram Powers, labor on Brimfield bridge,	14.00
Geo. W. Randall, labor on bridge,	3.50
T. V. Kent, labor on bridges,	16.25
Daniel Cook, labor on Brimfield bridge,	26.24
Horace Smith, “ “ “	17.00
Erastus Keith, “ “ “	17.75
Josiah Gates, “ “ “	6.00
J. H. Morton, services in Boston in 1862,	70.00
E. Brown, note,	834.83
E. B. White, note,	682.50
P. W. Webster, money for recruits,	3,500.00
Geo. Blanchard, interest on note,	1.33
Agawam bank, note,	6,573.67
Capt. Dewey, balance on note,	109.42
Amount carried forward,	\$17,182.84

Amount brought forward,	\$17,182.84
Paid Prosper Howard, interest,	6.00
E. Brown, money for recruiting,	2,925.00
J. Stever, money and notes,	830.00
E. Brown, interest,	19.00
Westborough reform school,	6.50
Interest on Nichols note,	54.00
Interest on H. E. Belton's note,	48.00
Revenue stamps and other items,	19.17
Bounties to eight men, March and April,	765.00
J. H. Blair, services as treasurer,	50.00
H. Hunn, interest on note,	54.00
County tax,	1,481.37
Express on reports,	.50
R. S. Munn's note and interest,	595.60
W. W. Cross, expenses to Washington for recruits,	47.50
Mrs. Scism, interest on note,	60.00
E. Nichols, " "	42.00
L. Dimock, book-case, moving safe,	9.00
J. S. Loomis, repairing hearse,	18.00
J. S. Loomis, coffin for child,	6.00
State reform school, Newcomb boy,	6.50
S. G. Newton, summoning witnesses in Calkins case,	10.40
S. G. Newton, recruiting in Washington,	195.50
J. Clough, making copy of town valuation,	18.00
Joseph King, labor on Merrick bridge,	5.00
David Knox, for plank,	3.36
Daniel Granger, over pay, State aid,	19.45
E. B. Gates, expenses on enrollment list,	36.00
E. B. Gates, expenses in Boston, August and Sept.,	32.80
G. Collins, alien papers and stamps,	4.00
Insurance on town house,	26.75
E. B. Gates, expenses in Boston, November,	20.75
J. G. Allen, services for town,	30.00
J. G. Allen, services in Calkins case,	30.00
Mrs. Holbrook, interest on order,	6.00
State tax,	3,816.00
Patrick Wilder, abatement of taxes,	6.40
Abel Webber, undertaker,	4.05
State reform school,	6.50
John Fenton, taxes abated,	16.00
Jonathan McElwaine, undertaker,	24.90
E. B. Gates, expenses in Boston, November,	17.10
P. W. Webster, paid for recruits,	875.00
L. Dimock, recording births, deaths and marriages,	25.00
Amount carried forward,	\$29,508.94

Amount brought forward,	\$29,508.94
Paid L. Dimock, expenses to Boston, two days,	12.00
L. Dimock, stamps, express and stationery,	7.25
E. B. Gates, for railings and labor on road,	5.00
L. Dimock, making record of soldiers,	3.00
Jacob Stever, interest on note,	60.00
P. W. Webster, labor on bridges,	15.50
P. W. Webster, sending paupers to almshouse,	35.00
P. W. Webster, services as overseer of poor,	25.00
P. W. Webster, services as selectman,	55.00
P. W. Webster, services, \$168.00, and expenses,	
\$137.85, recruiting in Boston,	305.85
Abel Webber, stationery and postage stamps,	5.00
Abel Webber, carrying paupers to almshouse,	6.50
T. V. Kent, labor on bridges,	21.00
Alvin Hastings, plank for bridges,	31.00
Albert Burley, lumber for town farm,	12.00
Hovey & Sutcliff, goods for Knowlton family,	33.76
Hovey & Sutcliff, lime, town farm,	6.00
P. P. Kellogg, goods for town farm,	15.75
D. B. Bishop, collector, notifying officers, posting	
town warrants, and revenue stamps,	101.62
Otis F. Kendall, abatement of taxes,	3.20
Abel Webber, overseer of poor,	35.00
Abel Webber, services as selectman,	62.00
Abel Webber, expenses out of town,	14.37
Abel Webber, for labor on bridge,	2.75
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	\$30,382.49

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid orders outstanding,	\$174.14
Talma and Looman Brown, labor on roads,	11.21
Asa M. Morse, in district 11,	229.12
R. S. Hastings, in district 13,	50.05
T. F. Stever, in district 3,	222.87
Erastus Keith, in district 1,	61.13
Keyes Foster, in district 10,	28.10
Charles Brakenridge, in district 4,	200.00
G. W. Randall, in district 2,	6.08
J. O. Hamilton, in district 5,	81.00
G. W. Randall, in district 2,	149.10
Order outstanding in district 2, paid by Dimock,	257.52
Charles Brakenridge, district 4,	79.50
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Amount carried forward,	\$1,549.82

Amount brought forward,	\$1,549.82
Paid Joshua Graves, district 12,	80.00
G. W. Randall, district 2,	135.83
A. S. Lamb, district 7,	47.00
E. Keith, district 1,	33.05
C. Brakenridge, district 4,	52.45
Timothy Stever, district 3,	148.66
G. W. Randall, district 2,	169.10
Charles Shaw, districts 8 and 9,	14.00
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	\$2,229.91

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid orders outstanding,	\$359.11
Town of Ware, for Mrs. Hastings,	21.00
Abel Webber, support of Mrs. Nutting,	25.00
E. Nichols, stove and fixtures, town farm,	20.09
Carlos Moore, support of Charity Barker,	30.00
Ralph Green, hay for town farm,	65.00
Phebe Wellman, care of Susan Calkins,	21.00
Town of Ware, for Mrs. Hastings,	24.00
Ellen Cowen, part support,	5.00
P. P. Kellogg, goods for town farm,	44.00
Town of Ware, for Mrs. Hastings,	25.00
W. W. Cross, goods for town farm,	12.00
C. S. Lewis, sink and pump,	23.84
S. D. Shaw, labor on farm house,	15.00
P. W. Webster, beef for town farm,	19.20
W. McGuire, wood furnished Mrs. Snow,	14.75
A. Webber, goods furnished town farm,	25.75
Wm. Robinson, labor on farm house,	41.24
G. Collins, goods for Ellen Cronin,	10.00
P. W. Webster, brick and lime, town farm,	8.60
P. W. Webster, skingles, " "	12.00
Elisha Converse, corn fodder,	22.25
E. B. Elsbree, for stove, town farm,	3.50
Support of John Bacon,	8.50
Support of family of Henry Amidown,	17.50
L. Dimock, goods for Knowlton family,	10.65
James Bates, for care of Mrs. Dole,	10.00
A. V. Blanchard & Co., goods furnished town farm,	13.71
P. W. Webster, cash for paupers,	29.33
P. W. Webster, support of McClellan family,	
due from State aid,	20.50
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	\$957.52

STATE AID.

Paid, March and April,	\$760.00
May and June,	607.67
July and August,	617.33
September and October,	1,042.42
November and December,	878.37
January,	441.60
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	\$4,347.39

ORDERS OUTSTANDING.

Lorenzo Rogers, highway, district 6,	\$68.98
E. B. Gates, paid for paupers over night,	3.00
Keyes Foster, surveyor district 10,	54.00
Asa M. Morse, surveyor district 11,	84.75
F. M. Calkins, medical attendance,	44.50
Erastus Keith, services town farm,	218.98
E. B. Gates, services as school committee,	35.00
E. B. Gates, paid for State aid book, revenue stamps, postage and stationery,	10.30
E. Brown, materials for town farm,	6.65
Abel Webber, keeping paupers over night,	21.60
Abel Webber, services in recruiting,	80.00
Elias Turner, undertaker,	3.30
E. B. Gates, services 19 days, recruiting in Boston,	28.50
E. G. Murdock, goods furnished town farm,	100.04
D. M. Stebbins, part services as school committee,	46.50
Dodge & Hastings, meat for town farm,	20.80
E. B. Gates, services as selectman and recruiting,	70.00
E. B. Gates, overseer of poor,	28.00
C. W. Hastings, fuel for district 11,	10.87
Keyes Foster, schooling, district 5,	86.50
Laura Hastings, teacher, district 11,	54.00
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	\$1,076.27

SUMMARY.

Amount paid as follows :	
For schools,	\$2,765.84
The poor,	957.52
Highways and bridges,	2,229.91
Aid to families of volunteers,	4,347.39
Contingencies, together with bounties,	30,382.49
Total amount paid by Treasurer,	<u>\$40,683.15</u>
Total amount of receipts,	\$42,008.92
“ “ of expenses paid,	<u>40.683.15</u>
Balance in treasury,	<u>\$1,325.77</u>

AMOUNT DUE THE TOWN.

From State aid to families, Jan. 1, 1864,	\$4,606.50
January aid,	441.60
J. H. Keith, note and interest,	528.00
Deposited in State treasury,	1,000.00
Town of Brimfield on bridges,	65 00
Balance in treasury,	1,325.77
	<u>\$7,966.87</u>

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Note to Mrs. Julia Scism, 1862,	\$1,000.00
Jacob Stever, “	2,000.00
Wm. S. Nichols, “	700.00
Reuben Rogers, “	300.00
Robert McMaster, “	425.00
William S. Nichols, 1863.	900.00
Henry E. Bolton, “	800.00
Horace Hunn, “	900.00
Prosper Howard, “	1,000.00
Shem Loomis, “	500.00
J. K. Child, administrator, 1864,	1,200.00
Susan E. Rogers, “	1,000.00
Mary R. Cannon, “	1,500.00
Robert McMaster, “	3,000.00
Ralph Green, “	2,850.00
Amount carried forward,	<u>\$18,075.00</u>

Amount brought forward,		\$18,075.00
Note to E. Brown,	"	1,000.00
A. N. Dewey,	"	1,400.00
Enos Calkins,	"	1,500.00
Henry McMaster,	"	500.00
Elias Turner,	"	1,000.00
Mrs. Holbrook,	"	200.00
E. B. Gates,	"	200.00
Lucy Tiffany,	"	500.00
Franklin Morgan,	"	3,500.00
Interest due on notes,		1,340.00
Amount of outstanding orders,		3,455.06
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Balance in treasury and amount due the town,		32,670.06
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Balance against the Town,		\$24,703.19

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

Valuation of the Town of Palmer, for 1864, \$1,087,829.00

Appropriations as follows :

State tax,	\$3,816.00
County tax,	1,481.37
Contingent expenses,	2,500.00
Common schools,	2,300.00
Graded schools,	400.00
To pay interest on town debt,	1,500.00
Highways and bridges,	2,000.00
To pay volunteers,	4,525.00
Overlayings on taxes,	620.00
Afterwards committed,	72.65

Total tax committed to the collector, 19,215.02

Number of polls in town, 709 ; poll tax, \$2.00 ; highway poll tax, \$0.45. Tax \$1.60 on \$100, including highway tax.

JOHN CLOUGH, } Assessors
C. W. HASTINGS, } of
J. K. KNOX, } Palmer.

June 29, 1864.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Town, County, and State tax,		\$19,215.06
Cash paid in to the Treasurer,	\$17,898.41	
Discount on taxes, August 1, 1864,	994.22	
Abatement on taxes,	153.95	—19,049.58
Remains due, March 1, 1865,		165.48
		<hr/> 19,215.06
 Tax on School District 3,		 \$516.20
Cash paid to Treasurer,	\$500.07	
Abatement,	6.15	—506.22
		<hr/> \$9.98
Balance due,		
 Tax on School District 12,		 \$79.50
Cash paid to Treasurer,	\$78.29	
Abatement,	.91	—79.20
		<hr/> .30
Balance due,		

D. B. BISHOP, *Collector.*

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENCY—1864-5.

EXPENSES.

To inventory of liquors and barrels,	\$303.09	
Salary of agent,	50.00	
License,	24.17	
Freight on liquors,	.75	
Liquors purchased of agent,	98.62	
Casks for liquors,	3.70	—480.33

RECEIPTS.

By inventory of liquors and barrels, March 1, 1865,	\$161.38	
Cash received for liquors sold,	346.37	—507.75
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Balance in favor of agency,		\$27.42

ORREN P. ALLEN, *Town Agent.*

BOUNTIES AND SOLDIERS.

The town has furnished, the year past, ninety-nine men by enlistment, and thirty-seven by credit.

Paid in March, eight men,	\$764.00
In June, twenty-nine men,	3,625.00
In August, eighteen men,	2,125.00
In October, two men,	250.00
In November, eight men,	1,000.00
	<hr/> \$7,764.00

Respectfully submitted,

ABEL WEBBER, } *Selectmen*
 E. B. GATES, } *of*
 P. W. WEBSTER, } *Palmer.*

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1865.

Inventory of personal property, March 1, 1864,	\$1,278.11
Interest on cost of town farm,	180.00
Superintendent's salary,	237.50
Expenses out,	279.25
	<hr/> \$1,974.86

RECEIPTS.

Inventory, March 1, 1865,	\$1,556.18
Profits of farm and labor,	234.01—1,790.19
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Balance against the town,	\$184.67
State aid due Ira McDowell, from the State,	\$36.00

Bills for repairing the house are not included in this Report.

Respectfully submitted.

ABEL WEBBER, } *Overseers*
 E. B. GATES, } *of the Poor.*
 P. W. WEBSTER, }

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HAMPDEN, SS.

To D. B. Bishop, Constable of the Town of Palmer, greeting : In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed and notified to warn all the inhabitants of the town of Palmer, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Palmer, on Monday, the twentieth of March, instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to act on the following articles, viz :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.

ART. 2. To determine the number of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, School Committee and Constables the town will choose for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To elect all necessary town officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the Annual Report of the School Committee, Selectmen, Overseers of Poor, and other town officers.

ART. 5. To see if the town will authorize each school district to choose their own Prudential Committee, and authorize them to contract with school teachers for their respective districts.

ART. 6. To see if the town will vote to instruct the School Committee to appoint a Superintendent of the Town Schools, and establish his salary.

ART. 7. To make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year, and raise by tax such sums of money as shall be required for the same.

ART. 8. To see if the town will raise any money, and appropriate the same to liquidate or reduce the debts of the town.

ART. 9. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars, to pay State aid to families of volunteers, till the same is collected and paid into the Town Treasury.

ART. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer to borrow a sufficient amount of money to settle the expenses of the Calkins family, till the same is assessed and collected.

ART. 11. To determine the manner of repairing the Highways and Bridges, the ensuing year.

ART. 12. To determine the course the town will take to collect the Taxes that may be assessed the year ensuing.

ART. 13. To see if the town will allow a discount upon the taxes that may be assessed, and state the terms and conditions of the same.

ART. 14. To see if the town will make any By-Laws and Regulations to prevent the pasturing of cattle and other animals upon the streets and highways of the town.

ART. 15. To see if the town will accept of the roads laid out by the Selectmen at Palmer Depot, near the Congregational church.

ART. 16. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurors, as revised by the Selectmen.

ART. 17. To see if the town will purchase land for a new Cemetery, or land to enlarge the old Burial-ground near Palmer Depot.

ART. 18. To hear reports of Committees.

ART. 19. To choose Committees, and give them instructions.

ART. 20. To transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting.

The names of Selectmen, Town Clerk and Treasurer, Assessors, Overseers of Poor and Constables who are voted for, *must be all upon one ballot.*

And you are hereby required to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the different public places designated by vote of the town, seven days at least before the holding of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands, this first day of March, A. D. 1865.

ABEL WEBBER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
E. B. GATES,	
F. W. WEBSTER,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Palmer.</i>



